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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Tetsuya SHIROGANE

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ACCESS MANAGEMENT  
METHOD THEREFOR

Customer No.: 20350

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.